

COUNTING THE ELECTORAL VOTE.

The Progress Made Yesterday.

THE RETURNS FROM ALABAMA, ARKANSAS, CALIFORNIA, COLORADO, CONNECTICUT, DELAWARE, DISCLOSED WITHOUT OPPOSITION—THE OTHER RETURNS—INTERESTING REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS—AN IMPRESSIVE SCENE—THE PROCEEDINGS—OBJECTIONS TO THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION—OBJECTIONS TO THE COUNT, &c.

[From Our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, February 1.—As under the law the houses cannot adjourn during the counting of the electoral vote, 1 o'clock today was the commencement of a legislative day that will probably last many days. Over a thousand people managed to crowd the galleries in obtaining admission to the floor. There was an expectation and even a hope on the part of many that something sensational would occur in the Colorado or Florida cases, but the electoral bill had, fortunately for the country, removed all danger of that, and made it almost as uninteresting as the dulllest day of legislation. The galleries bloomed with the beautiful and fashionable of Washington, and the pebbled and ragged loafers who haunt them from day to day gave place to well-dressed people.

Justices Field and Miller sat dignified and attentive listeners under the shadow of the clerk's desk. William M. Everts, lean and lank, sat next to Field, and Old Zack, whose round form lolled in great arm-chairs. Near by Don Cameron, flanked by his aged father, twined his drooping reddish moustache, and General Sherman nervously watched the proceedings. That old sea-dog Robeson, and Stoughton, of New York, with his bushy gray head, sat by Hale, of Maine. Father Tynor, Rev. Mr. Newman (Grant's conscience-keeper), Governor Burbank, Judge Trimball, George Bancroft, Charles O'Connor, Kellogg, and other notables, occupied conspicuous positions.

At 1 P. M. the senators entered the chamber of the House in procession of two, preceded by the Vice-President and minor officers, their sergeant-at-arms bearing the walnut box containing the certificates. The senators were seated on the Democratic side. General Sherman, Secretary Chandler, Secretary Cameron, Hon. William M. Everts, and Justices Field and Miller occupied seats in front of the seats of members. The tellers—Senators Allison, of Iowa, and Ingalls, of Kansas, and Representatives Stone, of Missouri, and Cook, of Georgia—sat at the clerk's desk.

Vice-President Ferry called the joint assembly to order, and having announced that he would open the votes of the States in alphabetical order, took up the return from Alabama, broke the seal, and handed it to Senator Allison, who read it. The reading of the duplicate received by mail was commenced by Mr. Stone (teller), when Senator Conkling arose and suggested that by mail be not read aloud, but read over by one of the tellers while that received by messenger was being read aloud. There being no objection, President Ferry directed that course be pursued.

The Vice-President called for objections, and none being made, he directed the vote of Alabama to be counted, and it was announced—ten votes for Tilden and Hendricks. The vote of Arkansas was opened by Mr. Ferry, read by Ingalls, and no objection being made, six more votes were scored for Tilden and Hendricks. California's six and Colorado's three votes were in the same manner found to be for Hayes and Wheeler, and Connecticut's six and Delaware's three for Tilden and Hendricks.

Florida was running in everybody's mind, and even the Vice-President inquired whether there was any objection to the vote of Florida, when he meant Delaware. A laugh spread over the crowd, and Senator Edmunds called for order. Presently Florida was called, and a deep stillness spread over the audience until the Hayes and Wheeler returns had been read and the Vice-President announced that he had other certificates from Florida, which the tellers would read. Then a murmur of relief and approval rose from the Democratic side and the galleries. Then a third return, under the great seal of the State, certifying that a recount of the votes of Florida showed that the Tilden and Hendricks electors had been duly elected, was submitted. This paper contained a detailed statement of the number of votes cast in each county, and for whom, so the reading had become very tedious, when Senator Conkling rose and moved that, by consent of both houses, the reading of the whole paper, as required by law; and that then all the papers be referred to the tribunal established to ascertain the true returns. No objection was offered and the totals were read. Objections to the vote of the State were called for, and Senator Sargent and David Dudley Field arose. The latter obtained the floor, and on behalf of Senator Jones, of Florida, and Representatives Field, Tucker, Jencks, and Springer, submitted a written statement of objections to counting the votes of the Hayes electors. It was a carefully-prepared and succinct statement of law and fact, and produced a sensation among Republican senators. Sargent consulted, and then at Morton's beck hurried to him, and then conferred with Kasson.

Senator Sargent, on behalf of Senators Conover and Sherman, and Messrs. McCrary, Woodburn, Dunnell, and Kasson, objected to the Tilden returns because not properly authenticated. Senator West, for himself and others, objected to the vote of Humphreys, a Hayes elector, because he held a Federal office, and was therefore disqualified. Mr. Kasson and others objected to the paper declaring the result of the recount of the vote as illegal.

The Vice-President said, there being no further objections, the several returns from the State of Florida, with the objections already submitted, will be referred to the Electoral Commission, and by them decided. The Senate will now retire to its chamber, and the two houses may separately vote upon the question, [Exclamations of "No," "No!"] The Senate marched out and the House resumed the consideration of the report of the Florida special committee, which had been left unfinished at last night's session.

The president of the Senate presided over the returns and announced the results stated by the certificates from Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, and Delaware without objection.

Both returns from Florida and a certified statement of the recount were submitted by the president of the Senate and

read. Objections were presented by Senators Sargent, Sherman, and others to counting the Tilden return; and by Senator West, Dudley Field, and other Democrats against counting the vote for Hayes. All the returns and objections were then submitted to the Electoral Commission, and the Senate retired to its chamber.

The Electoral Commission did nothing important to-day. Trumbull, Black, and O'Connor were announced as counsel; and Field, Tucker, Jencks, and Senator McDonald objected on the part of the Democrats; and for the Republicans, Everts, Stoughton, Shellabarger, and Stanley Matthews as counsel, and Kasson, McCrary, and Senator Sargent, objectors.

The policy of the Republicans, from the immense amount of testimony submitted, seems to be to preclude the possibility of undertaking to examine it thoroughly.

The commissioners are unable to say to-night how long it will take to dispose of Florida's case, but to read the evidence alone will consume at least three days. The Democrats will claim that the action of the Supreme Court is conclusive as being the highest act of the State.

[Associated Press reports by telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, February 1.—The two houses assembled in joint session, and after the Alabama certificates had been read, the presiding officer asked, "Are there any objections to the certificates of the State of Alabama?" After a pause, "The Chair hears none, and the vote of the State of Alabama will be counted. The tellers will announce the vote."

Mr. Cook, one of the tellers, announced 10 votes for Samuel J. Tilden for President and 6 votes for Thomas J. Hendricks for Vice-President.

The certificate of Arkansas was then read, and the result was announced as six votes for Tilden and Hendricks, after the presiding officer asked the same questions as in the Alabama case.

The California certificate was read by Mr. Stone, and six votes were announced for Tilden and Hendricks. The Colorado certificate was read by Mr. Cook, and three votes were announced for Tilden and Hendricks.

Connecticut came next. The certificate was read by Mr. Allison, and six more votes were announced for Tilden and Hendricks. The Delaware certificate was read by Mr. Ingalls, and three more votes were scored for Tilden and Hendricks.

Florida and the president presiding, the first-hand certificate signed by Governor Stearns, and which recognized the Hayes electors, and after it had been read, the certificate of the electors for Tilden and Hendricks was also handed out, and both were read by Mr. Stone, while Mr. Allison read the duplicate.

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one counsel must be heard on each side, and not longer than, fifteen minutes, unless the commission allow further time and additional counsel, and printed arguments will be received.

Rule 4. The objectors to any certificate or vote may select two of their number to support their objections in oral argument, and to advocate the validity of any certificate or vote the validity of which they maintain; and in like manner the objectors to any other certificate may select two of their number for like purpose; but under this rule not more than four persons shall speak, and neither side shall occupy more than two hours.

Rule 5. Applications for process to compel the attendance of witnesses, or the production of written or documentary testimony, may be made by counsel on either side; and all process shall be served and executed by the marshal of the commission or his deputies. Depositions hereafter taken for use before the commission shall be sufficiently authenticated if taken before any commissioner of the circuit courts of the United States, or any clerk or deputy clerk of any court of the United States.

Rule 6. Admission to the public sittings of the commission shall be regulated in such manner as the president of the commission shall direct.

Rule 7. The commission will sit, unless otherwise ordered, at the room of the Supreme Court of the United States, and with open doors, excepting when in consultation, unless otherwise directed.

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out to the Democrats. Kenner and Cassanova, colored members of the Returning Board, seemed surprised at the testimony of Maddox, and are believed to have been kept in ignorance of the speculation. They are becoming very much disgusted and perhaps repentant, of the part they have been made to play, and it is hoped will conclude to tell what they know about throwing out returns upon forged evidence. Another witness, one who knows the true inwardness of the whole affair, is on the way to Washington under arrest. Maddox is a very intelligent as well as unscrupulous man, and at the beginning of the war was editor of the New Orleans Crescent. Afterwards, as a blockade runner, he was employed by Lincoln and Seward to collect information within the Confederate lines, and more recently has been a confidential and trusted agent of the Treasury Department.

Judge Alexander Walker, the willing listener to Maddox's villainous proposition, was formerly a well-known journalist and editor of the *Picayune*.

All the telegraph operators who testified in the Florida case have been discharged by the company, and Maddox is to be discharged by Secretary Morrill.

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WASHINGTON, February 1, 1877. SENATE.

In the Senate Mr. Saulsbury, of Delaware, presented a very lengthy printed petition signed by bankers, merchants, clergymen, and others, of New Orleans, in regard to the condition of affairs in that city, in which the Legislature was charged with incompetency and they appeal to the country not to believe the statements of fraud and violence against the people of Louisiana.

Mr. Howe, of Wisconsin, moved that the petition be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections, and that the committee be instructed to summon such signers as they may deem advisable to prove the charges they make. After discussion the motion was agreed to.

A resolution was adopted ordering the proceedings of the Electoral Commission to be published in the *Record* and in the *Register*.

Messrs. Ingalls and Allison were appointed tellers on the part of the Senate.

The minority of the Committee on Privileges and Elections submitted a report declaring that Frost, the Missouri elector, was relieved of his political disabilities by the act of May 22.

The Senate prepared to the House to assist in counting votes, and adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

In the House, in order to consume time the Republicans demanded a full reading of the journal, including the tally-sheets of yesterday.

WASHINGTON, February 1.—The debt statement shows a decrease of \$3,069,669; coin in the Treasury, \$86,500,000; currency, \$9,500,000.

The World's New Orleans special says Governor Wells has been presented by the grand jury of the Superior Criminal Court for grand larceny, evidence before the congressional committee.

NEW YORK ITEMS.

NEW YORK, February 1.—Fifteen thousand pieces of black alpaca, product of the Arlington Mills, were auctioned to-day. The receipts amount to a quarter of a million of dollars. The auction lasted one hour and ten minutes. No. 12, lowest, brought 17 1/2 cts.; No. 10, 16 1/2 cts.; No. 8, 15 1/2 cts.; No. 6, 14 1/2 cts.; No. 4, 13 1/2 cts.; No. 2, 12 1/2 cts.; No. 1, 11 1/2 cts.

Frank Wippen, an extensive pack-packer of Buffalo, has assigned. His liabilities are heavy.

RE-EXHIBITED.

Flour. Fine, 85; superfine, 85.25; extra superfine, 85.50; extra, 85.75; fancy family, 87.75; @40. Market steady.

Country Produce. Apples: Small, 1.50; @82; large, 82.25; @83. Butter: Prime to choice yellow, 22@23c; fair to good, 21@22c. Corn Meal: 55@57c; 57@58c; 58@59c; 59@60c; 60@61c; 61@62c; 62@63c; 63@64c; 64@65c; 65@66c; 66@67c; 67@68c; 68@69c; 69@70c; 70@71c; 71@72c; 72@73c; 73@74c; 74@75c; 75@76c; 76@77c; 77@78c; 78@79c; 79@80c; 80@81c; 81@82c; 82@83c; 83@84c; 84@85c; 85@86c; 86@87c; 87@88c; 88@89c; 89@90c; 90@91c; 91@92c; 92@93c; 93@94c; 94@95c; 95@96c; 96@97c; 97@98c; 98@99c; 99@100c; 100@101c; 101@102c; 102@103c; 103@104c; 104@105c; 105@106c; 106@107c; 107@108c; 108@109c; 109@110c; 110@111c; 111@112c; 112@113c; 113@114c; 114@115c; 115@116c; 116@117c; 117@118c; 118@119c; 119@120c; 120@121c; 121@122c; 122@123c; 123@124c; 124@125c; 125@126c; 126@127c; 127@128c; 128@129c; 129@130c; 130@131c; 131@132c; 132@133c; 133@134c; 134@135c; 135@136c; 136@137c; 137@138c; 138@139c; 139@140c; 140@141c; 141@142c; 142@143c; 143@144c; 144@145c; 145@146c; 146@147c; 147@148c; 148@149c; 149@150c; 150@151c; 151@152c; 152@153c; 153@154c; 154@155c; 155@156c; 156@157c; 157@158c; 158@159c; 159@160c; 160@161c; 161@162c; 162@163c; 163@164c; 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